THE LONG AGO AND THE LATER ON.

An Experience of Eighty Years of Life.

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CHATER XI.

Actival at Tien-tsin—Winter Amusements Amongst Foreign Residents—Li Hung Chang—Visit to the Seventh Prince — The American Flaguatiff—The Feast of Lanterns—Racing—Pionic on the Pej-ho,

I was looking forward with considerable anxiety as to how I would been no attempt made to stretch is when it was put down. The two off the new was of such frequent occurrence in Tien-tsin as to hardly cause a ripple on the surface of the life of the settlement. In a very shich time I same to know the whole population and likewise the whole population came to know me, for I seemed to drup into their affection as naturally as, an infant drops into his mother's lap; and nowhere else on earth, in my opinion, editide be found a community, made my as it was of so many different nationalities, that made life so well worth living. It really seemed like one happy family. About the first of December the Pel-ho freezes over, and then the first of March no one comes and no one goes away. All business ceases except in the few retail stores, and throw upon their own resources, the people give themselves up to the enjoyment of everything in sight. The gunboats of three nations are always on station there during the winter, and their officers assist materially in making the cold months the most agreeable part of the year. Of course I am apsending now of things as they were in my time. Since then advanced for him a stronger in my time. Since then advanced for him a stronger in my time. Since then advanced for him a stronger in my time. Since then advanced for him a stronger in my time. Since then advanced for him a stronger in the few retails to modificate. The foreigner, from that time the only two men in the foreign settlength of consult and myself. When my time demands and myself. When my time demands and my self when the first of the year. Of course I am apsending

change in conditions.

We had amateur dramatic performances which would have done credit to professionals. Balls, banquets and skating festivals, one or the other, if not all three, were daily events, and there never was any charge for admission to any entertainment. A native band, taught by a German professor, furnished the music for all festive occasions, but how the teaching was accompilished is a mystery to me was accomplished is a mystery to me of this day, when the teacher could not speak a word of Chinese, nor the ouplis understand a word of German. But there they were, with a repertory of negro minstrel song and dance music, and very proud of their attainments.

tertaining myself. At the next meeting I informed them that the first business in order would be to elect a presiding officer and they immediately proceeded to select me, and during the three winters of my residence I had the honor of presiding over the organization. Although at first it was difficult to get the members to respond to the invitation to contribute to the select me, and contribute to the select members to respond to the invitation to contribute to the select meaning all the prescribed officers. After making all the prescribed officers, and I noticed Li laughed at my select, or some a speech, or some and otherwise. They expected to the invitation to contribute to the entertainment by a song a speech, or a recitation, when they had once made the effort they very soon developed, and it was a revelation to themselves when they realized that they could stand upon their feet before an audience, and feeling perfectly self-possessed, contribute to an entertainment with credit to themselves. It was then that I discovered that the trouble of getting them on their feet at the beginning of a season was only equal. feet at its close. A favorite song of the concert was known as the Swingle Waltz. The solo was by a German, and when it came to the chorus, the gentlemen at the several tables would lock arms and swinging together

roy manifested for him a stronger feeling of kindness than he ever feit for any other foreigner. Grant re-turned this feeling and always called Li Hung Chang the greatest man of the age.

The viceroy was a fine looking man, over six feet tall and unusually well proportioned. He wore a moustache

and had a very pleasant face. He was a man of simple habits, despite his great wealth, and his yamen at Tien-

part of the club building, and at the first meeting, which was called to order by the British consul, I was elected president, and as taking an active part in an entertainment was a new experience to nearly all present, I had to do the most of the entertaining myself. At the next meeting Mark I for the first lime that I penetrated to a short distance I was glad to get out again. The city was one

When the present emperor came to the throne, his father, Seventh Prince, had to leave the Forbidden City, in accordance with the law and in order that he should be provided for, he was appointed head of the army and navy. As he had never seen a ship or a fortification, it was decided that in order to qualify him for his new duties he should visit. Post Arthur was decided that the should visit. no doubt that these smoking concerts were largely instrumental in creating that cordial and companionable sentiment which made the foreign settiment of Tien-tsin the most desirable place to live in all the Orient.

The day after my becoming a full-fledged United States consul and the representative of the greatest country on earth (in my estimation) I made an official cail on the Viceroy Hung Chang at his yamen in Tientsin city. When I came down from breakfast I saw a pony tethered to one of the trees in the yard, "all saddled, all bridled," and I asked my China boy whose it was. He said it was for him to ride to the viceroy's. At half past nine Mr. Maclay, the interpreter, had two sedan chairs at the gate with four men for each, and we entered As I are the representation of the trees in the yard, "all saddled, all bridled," and I asked my China boy whose it was. He said it was for him to ride to the viceroy's. At half past nine Mr. Maclay, the interpreter, had two sedan chairs at the gate with four men for each, and we entered as I set in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur and at the same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur and at the same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur and at the same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur and at the same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur and at the same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Guir of Fichili. In order to reach Port Arthur he same time witness the manceuvres of the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese heet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese heet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese heet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese fleet in the Chinese he should visit Port Arthur and at the In any after my becoming a fulllended United States consult and the
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at me and grunted, thinking, no doubt,
that they would earn their money in
transporting such a load. When we
started, the China boy with kirsroundtop hat and red tausel, and his
ponts and flowing greer rote, mount of
his pony and toot the lead in order to
clear, the way for official rank. I followed, and then came the interpreter,
which constituted the Important a
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I have never filled so important a
part as this one. It was a shout two
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answer. The viceroy accompanied the prin-

to Port Arthur and remained with him during his visit. Upon their return the prince proceeded immediately to Peking but shortly afterward the vice-roy gave a state dinner to which all the foreign officials were invited. During the course of the repart the vicercy took occasion to remark that while on the steamer the prince had said that of all the foreigners he had met none impressed him so favorably as the American consul, and that the as the American consul and that the little speech he had made at the reception gave him more encouragement than anything he had experienced since leaving Peking. My natural modesty received a shock at this announcement, but I hid my blushes behind a large glass of champagne and passed through the ordeal in safety. In all that company of mixed nationalities and heterogeneous interests, there was not an envious thought harbored, and yo I found it throughout all my official life in the Orient. I seemed, somehow, unconsciously and without effort, to have gained the good will and esteem of all with whom I assothen ordered it taken to the shippard, where I gave instructions to have it fitted with topmast wire rigging and crosstrees. It was then the twenty-fifth day of June, and it must certain-

siteration to my other two guests, the pilot and the shippard superintendent. The consultate was well equipped with the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if my letters from her, the means, and if ever the raising into camp. Their curiosity of the means, and if my letters from her, and in my l

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